

THERE IS CLAIMED:

1. A terminal adapter for connecting a terminal to a computer local area network capable of identifying any of several terminal types by detecting the presence of a particular identifier electronic circuit specific to one type, even though said terminal does not include any such identifier circuit as standard, which terminal adapter includes:
 - first connectors for inserting said adapter between two sections of a connection between said terminal and said network, and
 - an identifier circuit specific to one type of terminal that said network is able to detect, said identifier circuit being connected to at least two conductors of a network side section of said connection.
2. The adapter claimed in claim 1 wherein said identifier circuit is connected to at least two conductors of said network side section of said connection that convey(said remote power feed.) *NA*
3. The terminal adapter claimed in claim 1 further including conductors connecting some conductors of said network side section of said connection to some conductors of said terminal side section of said connection to apply a remote power feed voltage to the appropriate conductors of said terminal side section of said connection.
4. The terminal adapter claimed in claim 1 further including a second connector connected to some conductors of said network side section of said connection and wherein said conductors are adapted to provide a remote power feed voltage and said second connector is adapted to be connected to a power supply input of a terminal but not adapted to be connected to a data input of a terminal.